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1. (Amended) A method for selecting the sources of at least two shows capable of being received and displayed by an entertainment system, comprising:

- selecting for viewing, a first show associated with a first channel from a first user-specified source;
- displaying the first show;
- selecting for viewing, a second show associated with a second channel from any one of the first and a second user-specified sources; and
- displaying the second show.

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2. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said first user-specified source is selected from a group consisting of: a satellite-based station, a cable-based station and a local station.

3. (Amended) The method of Claim 2, wherein said second user-specified source is selected from a group consisting of: a satellite-based station, a cable-based station and a local station, said second user-specified source being different from said first user-specified source.

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6. (Amended) A method for selecting the user-specified sources of at least two shows capable of being received and displayed by an entertainment system, comprising:

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- selecting for viewing, a first show associated with a first channel from a first user-specified source;
- displaying the first show on a first portion of a display screen;
- selecting for viewing, a second show associated with a second channel from any one of the first and a second user-specified sources; and

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simultaneously displaying the second show on a second portion of the display screen.

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7. (Amended) The method of Claim 6, wherein the first user-specified source transmits broadcast signals associated with the first show using a first coding technique.

8. (Amended) The method of Claim 7, wherein the second user-specified source transmits broadcast signals associated with the second show using a second coding technique that is different from the first coding technique.

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10. (Amended) The method of Claim 6, wherein said first user-specified source is selected from a group consisting of: a satellite-based station, a cable-based station and a local station.

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11. (Amended) The method of Claim 7, wherein said second user-specified source is selected from a group consisting of: a satellite-based station, a cable-based station and a local station, said second user-specified source being different from said first user-specified source.

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16. (Amended) An entertainment system comprising:
a display monitor; and
a broadcast receiver coupled to the display monitor, the broadcast receiver including
a first front-end unit capable of receiving programming data associated with a first show broadcast from a first user-specified source via a first channel [for viewing] to be viewed on the display monitor,

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a second front-end unit capable of receiving programming data associated with a second show broadcast from a second user-specified source via a second channel [for viewing] to be viewed on the display monitor,
a plurality of memory elements, and
a central processing unit coupled to the plurality of memory elements, the central processing unit executing software to assist the broadcast receiver in loading programming data associated with a selected one of the first and the second shows into one of the plurality of memory elements along with information, to display said first show on the display monitor upon receiving a first selection signal, and to display said second show on the display monitor upon receiving a second selection signal, the first and second shows being displayed continuously.

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21. (Amended) The entertainment system of Claim 16, wherein the first user-specified source transmits broadcast signals associated with the first show using a first coding technique.

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22. (Amended) The entertainment system of Claim 21, wherein the second user-specified source transmits broadcast signals associated with the second show using a second coding technique that is different from the first coding technique.

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24. (Amended) The entertainment system of Claim 16, wherein said first user-specified source is selected from a group consisting of: a satellite-based station, a cable-based station and a local station.

25. (Amended) The entertainment system of Claim 24, wherein said second user-specified source is selected from a group consisting of: a satellite-based station, a cable-based station and a local station, said second user-specified source being different from said first user-specified source.

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26. (Amended) An entertainment system comprising:
a display monitor; and
a broadcast receiver coupled to the display monitor, the broadcast receiver including
a first front-end unit capable of receiving programming data associated with a first show broadcast from a first user-specified source [for viewing] to be viewed on the display monitor,
a second front-end unit capable of receiving programming data associated with a second show broadcast from a second user-specified source [for viewing] to be viewed on the display monitor,
a plurality of memory elements, and
a central processing unit coupled to the plurality of memory elements, the central processing unit executing software to assist the broadcast receiver in loading programming data associated with a selected one of the first and the second shows into one of the plurality of memory elements along with information, and to simultaneously display said selected first and second shows on the display monitor.

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31. (Amended) The entertainment system of Claim 26, wherein the first user-specified source transmits broadcast signals associated with the first show using a first coding technique.

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32. (Amended) The entertainment system of Claim 31, wherein the second user-specified source transmits broadcast signals associated with the second show using a second coding technique that is different from the first coding technique.

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34. (Amended) The entertainment system of Claim 26, wherein said first user-specified source is selected from a group consisting of: a satellite-based station, a cable-based station and a local station.

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35. (Amended) The entertainment system of Claim 34, wherein said second user-specified source is selected from a group consisting of: a satellite-based station, a cable-based station and a local station, said second user-specified source being different from said first user-specified source.

1 Please add new claims 38-40 as follows:

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38. The entertainment system of Claim 16, wherein the broadcast receiver directs the first show to the display monitor to be viewed and substantially simultaneously to a recording device to be recorded.

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39. The entertainment system of Claim 16, wherein the broadcast receiver directs the second show to the display monitor to be viewed and substantially simultaneously to a recording device to be recorded.

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1 40. The entertainment system of Claim 16, wherein the broadcast receiver
2 further includes a cryptographic engine to decrypt data signals in accordance with
3 at least one cryptographic function.
